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This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

FOR many years it has been the fashion," writes a correspondent to the *China Centenary of Missions*, "to decry mission work and depreciate missionaries. The result has been, that an unfavorable opinion has spread far and wide, which is the pure growth of ignorance of the splendid work being done. The publication by the *China Daily News* of reports of the Conference, has resulted in a great discovery on the part of foreign residents in China, of the unspeakable value of missionary work."

WE learn that "the number of Moslems in China is perhaps twenty millions, most of whom are ignorant of their own sacred writings. They prohibit the use of tobacco, but opium-smokers are numerous among them. Gambling and games are illegal, but they say that the prophet forbade games of hazard, and allowed those which depend on the skill of the player. Musical instruments must not be used in private or in public. Vocal music also is improper, though passages from the Koran may be chanted at the time of prayer. Dancing is wrong, and it is forbidden to make statues of men or figures of animals, but photographs, being made by sunlight, are allowed."

ON the effect of child-marriage among our Moslem sisters, Miss Annie Van Sommer writes: "I have seen a bright-spirited, laughing girl of eleven turned in one year into a miserable, dull, inert woman, with her beauty and health gone. Homes should be the dwelling-place of goodness, gladness and love. Few Mohammedans know that such a home is possible. They have not even the word for it. They only know a place full of jealousy, quarreling and evil talk. We are all acquainted with the proverb: "The threshold of the house weeps for forty days when a girl is born." Polygamy and divorce annul the sacredness of home. In Egypt fifty per cent of marriages end in divorce, and a prominent Moslem when asked said ninety-five per cent. Much might be done if Mohammedans would "turn their thoughts to their own homes, and see *what is*, *why it is*, and think *what might be*." When they have given to woman her right place through the Gospel and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, they will find how progress and blessing for her mean progress and blessing for the race."

IN recent studies of the influence of Christianity upon the people of India it has been noted that Christian ideas are being absorbed by Hindus of the more intelligent sort. A Bengali writer in the *Hindustan Review*, says of Christianity: "It has given us Christ, and taught us noble and spiritual lessons. It has awakened a new spirit of inquiry in the drooping Hindu mind, and has held up to view the baneful effects of certain soul-degrading customs which prevail in Hindu society." Mr. Macnicol adds: "The prospect of the speedy coming of the Kingdom of God in India would be dim, were it not for the confidence that already within Hinduism, the Church of Christ exists. We are full of hope that while we are going forth to meet the East, the East is drawing near to us with ever-quickenning step."



NURSES' HOME AT JHANSI.

IN EASTERN LANDS

INDIA-JHANSI.

OUR NURSES' TRAINING-SCHOOL.

By MISS ELLA C. MORRISON.

DOUTBLESS you would like to hear of our "Nurses' Training-School" at Jhansi. After many unsuccessful attempts to secure money to build it, the British Government gave our application a favorable hearing, and \$3,000 for the actual building. It is a formidable task to build in India, as the smallest detail has to be most closely watched, and the workmen are for the most part very unreliable.

The work was started in 1904 and in June, 1905, the building of brick was ready to be occupied. From the picture you can see that it is quite a fine building. Let us have a closer view. As you enter from the front, my rooms and those of the Medical Assistant are on the right. On the left, the large room in front is where the students gather for prayers, morning and evening, have meetings and lectures and also their meals. Next to it are the Matron's and Compounder's rooms. There is an open passage through the centre of the building. On three sides a veranda

runs, and here we all sleep, except in the rainy season. On the right-hand side, at the back, there is a wing, containing the nurses' rooms. This part of the accommodation is inadequate, but the money has been promised by the Government to build a similar wing on the opposite side. Farther back is a tiny house where the night nurse can sleep during the day, and there are also rooms where cooking is done. Surrounding all is a high brick wall (the money for building which, over \$360, was given by a friend interested in the work) with an iron gate in front, so that every night we are securely locked in. You must now see the inside. My rooms have walls color-washed in light green, over the plaster. All the other rooms are in white. The floors are of stone, and we have many doors and windows, which give abundance of light and fresh air.

We are very thankful for our fine building, but we have no funds for the constant repairs needed in this country. The hot sun dries everything and when the rainy season comes, openings are found in all directions. We have a sewing-class with the nurses for about an hour and a half one afternoon each week, and we hope, by the sale of useful and fancy articles, to be able to start at least the nucleus of a fund.

We now have ten nurses taking the full training and one, a daughter of the native pastor, who is too young for all the work, taking a partial course. Of these girls, one-half are supported at \$50, and we are hoping friends in the home-land will be willing to help us, as the work is so necessary. We should have more nurses in order to meet the demands of our work. Applicants come to us but we have to refuse them until those we now have are supported. Here is a grand opportunity for some one to help; some one to whom the call may be "Send," if it is not "Go." Out here you can have your representative in the person of one of these girls, and thus you will be rendering double service. If you could only see the suffering endured by many of the poor women here as the result of ignorance, you would realize how much it means to have girls trained who will be able to help intelligently. There is no other way by which these people can be reached so easily as in giving them relief when they are sick and suffering. More and more we see the immensity and importance of this work and realize how much can yet be done.

A few weeks ago, Sarah, who was our first pupil-nurse and first graduate, entered into her rest after a long illness of many months. She was a good, faithful girl, and we miss her very much. We have been planning a "Memorial" for her in the form of a nurses' scholarship.

Our present Matron, Hagari, was our first convert among the patients and at first was very ignorant, but she has been developing and now is doing her work in a most satisfactory manner, making us thankful every day that we have her here. She is a widow, and as all her relatives are heathen, of course, they do not want to have anything to do with her now that she is a Christian. She has no desire to return to them but says sometimes she would like to see her little son. It is marvelous to see the change in some of these converts. They really become "new creatures," and it is for just such people we are striving and working. Our hospital work cannot be carried on without sufficient help, and when our new surgical building is completed, as it will mean having more patients, we will need more nurses. Our resources are taxed to the utmost and even beyond, and we come to you, dear Christian friends at home, and ask your assistance. We want to make our "Training-School" one worthy of the name, but we cannot do our best work while

we are hampered for lack of funds. Clothing wears out very quickly here and that is one great expense, as we like to keep our nurses neatly dressed in uniforms. We are looking forward hopefully into the future, as we see many opportunities for service for the coming days. We thank "Our Father" for the many friends who take an interest in our work and we believe it will be His will that our need may be supplied. Do any of us really consider the honor it is to be "laborers together" with Him? How much he gives us, and how patient He is with us!

I wish I could make you all see things as they really are! Now that famine is certain, we will probably have many more to care for. There has only been about half the necessary rain-fall, and throughout the greater part of the country the crops are all burned up and destroyed. Government is providing work, such as road construction, to give employment to the poor people, and grain-depots are being opened at various points, but there will certainly be a great deal of suffering and sickness among the people. Our resources as well as those of all Institutions will be taxed to the utmost. Now the weather is much colder, particularly at night, and while it is very agreeable to us, it means additional suffering for these poor people, as they have so little extra clothing, and in the majority of cases, none at all. We find it difficult in the Hospital to get enough blankets to meet the need. Some of these people are very grateful to us, and it is a joy to be able to help them, although often we feel that we do so little when one sees the vast numbers.

I know that one can read about all these things, but the actual seeing of them is so much more than can be described. We ask your prayers, that we may be faithful in the performance of every duty, and that our work may be a great blessing to this place. Christ's command is "Heal the sick," and our object is not only to heal their bodily diseases, but also to lead them to see their need of being healed from sin and to point them to the "Great Physician." Do you not think that every one who bears the name of Christian should have some share in this work? Just what your share is to be you must decide between yourself and the "Lord of the vineyard."

We now have seven Sabbath-Schools in connection with our work, where more than three hundred children are being taught about Jesus. This is the sowing time—the harvest will be "by and by." We may not be the reap-

ers; but we know sower and reaper may rejoice together.

"If we cannot give our thousands
We can give the 'Widow's mite,'
And the *least* we do for Jesus,
Will be precious in His sight."

CAWNPORE.

OUR WELCOME.

By MISS LILLIAN NORTON.

HOW can I describe the welcome the dear girls of our Mary A. Merriman Orphanage gave me? As we drove into the Mission Compound from the station, to my surprise the girls were lined up on both sides of the gateway and began to sing as we approached. Then they followed on and kept singing while we stood on the veranda and listened. They were singing in English—"Happy, dear friends, are we," and showed indeed happy faces and their singing was with "Sweetest voices." Then they all began to ask: "Which is our 'Miss Sahib?'" When I was pointed out to them they took hold of my hands, and though I could not understand them, nor speak one word to them, I knew that they were welcoming me most cordially and I longed to tell them my appreciation. They were happy to see all the new "Miss Sahibs," and two or three who had been sent here from Allahabad knew Miss May and were so glad to see her.

What dear girls these are! And how I love them! Dr. Mina McKenzie has done a wonderful work for them, and many of them are developing into fine young women who will be great workers, I am sure. Just think of some day being able to call them "My girls"! I have much to learn, however, about many things in connection with the Orphanage and school work before that time comes. Miss Owen and I are studying together with the same Pundit, and are using everything we learn. I am fascinated with the language and enjoy its study very much, for I believe the Lord is helping me wonderfully with it and it certainly is a difficult one. Miss Beach has done a great deal for the girls in the musical line. Some of the girls play very well, for most of the services, but for the Sunday morning praise-meeting Miss Beach likes to have me play. If the spoken language is the great barrier between me and the girls, I am truly thankful that the language of music can be understood by brown and white alike, and this thought is a great comfort to me.

God has been very good to me in all His leadings before I came, in the safe journey, and the keeping from illness and for the way India has smiled on me since arriving. I need to pray that I may not be impatient to get to real work while I am learning, for I long to speak to these people, and when opportunities come, it is such a sorrow to me that I have to stand dumb or say only a few words. Two girls came in one night to ask Miss Owen and me to pray for them. We knelt and prayed, each in our own language, for we understood only a few words of each other's, but it was good to feel that God understood it all.

Oh! what a blessing this Orphanage is to these girls! When I see poor little girls with heavy loads on their heads and their arms supporting them, trudging along the streets, always with such sad little faces, I cannot help thinking how little the people at home realize what an Orphanage in India means and what our girls are saved from. I wish they could all see the contrast between the faces of despair and longing and sadness outside and our happy girls here; between the hungry little hearts on the streets and in the zenanas, and our bright, joyous ones who are being trained for workers, and who even now pray fervently for their less fortunate sisters.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

SOME FRUITS.

By MISS MARY IRVINE.

WHILE it is fresh with me, I would tell you what I have seen on a visiting tour among our Christians, and some of our old Bridgman school-girls. I called to say good-bye to "Oo Tsung (Miss Mé) who has been teaching for two years in a school opened and carried on by Chinese ladies. Miss Mé was intending to go to Japan for a year to study, sent by the family into which she is engaged to be married, but their plans have fallen through, so she returns to her teaching at the earnest request of the Chinese and her former pupils.

My next call is on Lau Pau, who is teaching in the London Mission. She left our Bridgman School about three years ago to be married. The London Mission gave her some employment in a day-school, where she was very satisfactory. This year she taught a school where there were only a few pupils when she opened, but at the close of the term

the number increased to thirty and now there are fifty in attendance.

It was the industrial hour when I called, and how I wish you could have seen the children! Different kinds of industrial work were being taught, knitting, patchwork, hemming pocket handkerchiefs, colored yarn being wound into skeins to make things pretty and useful to wear, and there was not a noisy child, as all the little fingers were busy. The teacher sat like a little Queen among them, her senior girls acting as assistants. This teacher is an earnest Christian woman, although only twenty years old.

When the hour came to a close, all the pupils, from eight to fifteen years old, rose and marched out one by one in good and orderly fashion. We thought that one of our Mission Bands, who paid for this girl's tuition for six years, had made a grand investment. Fok Tsung (Miss Sang) has recently begun to teach in the London Mission and we trust that she may develop into a good teacher. These girls are lost to our mission as we have no work for boys; however, they serve the cause of Christianity. Wag Tsung (Mrs. Zau's daughter) has been transferred to day-school work and has been given the school supported by Miss Van Santvoord, and I trust may be a successful teacher. Mrs. Koo has come into the evangelistic work recently, who was a girl in our Bridgman School. She has three children who go to school. She first received her desire to do this work while under Miss Smith, one of our former missionaries, over fifteen years ago. I am pleased with her and trust that she may become a grand worker. Will you not remember her in prayer?

The beginning of the Bible-School dates from 1893, when I took the little house in our lane in the early days of our Mission. There we began with two—one inquirer and Mrs. Zau. A few months later we rented a Chinese house where we remained till June 30, 1900, when we moved into the new building, the Allen Memorial Bible-School. We waited seven years for it to become a reality. Each year it proves to be more and more important.

We have a regular four years' course now for those who continue with us in the evangelistic work. The three months just past we had the best class we have yet had in the school, for the students were unlike those in any preceding term. The last woman who came in, about two months ago, is a quite well-educated lady, especially bright intellectually, and not at all like the average Chinese.

I pray daily for her conversion. It is a wonderful privilege to have a woman like this come to us for instruction. Think of the influence of one such woman.

Every day I am full of praise for the place to teach the Bible-School. What a gift! and how did we get on without it! I just pray fervently that every one of these students become centres of light.

Visiting in the Margaret Williamson Hospital is a heavy responsibility. Will you not pray that our Bible-Women may be helped in speaking there, especially to the educated class, who occupy the private Wards? I know from my own experience that this is a most difficult class for our Bible-Women to reach, as it is easier to speak to those lower in the social scale. Our four native women, my sister and myself as well, need your prayer for this special work.

We have good opportunities to spread literature among such people and to do personal work. We need all the courage of a Joshua and the fire of Elisha, and grace, tact and wisdom to deal wisely, for all the patients must hear the Gospel.

A DIPLOMAT AND MISSIONARIES.

SIR ERNEST SATOW, G.C.M.G., British Ambassador at Peking, China, contributes to "East and West" for April an interesting article on "Christian Missions in China and Japan." After disposing of some of the commonest objections to missionary work in foreign lands he has expressed himself thus:

"Looking back over the last fifty years in Japan, and the last seventy in China, must it not be admitted by every candid man that these countries are indebted chiefly to missionaries for every form of real improvement, to the introduction of a more elevated morality, to the practice of charity, to the establishment of schools, colleges and hospitals? What benefit but those of a material nature have been conferred on them by other foreigners who have resided among them? Do we really think that railways and telegraphs, or armies and navies, are as great benefits to a country as those I have alluded to? If we do, is there not danger that our commercial interests have warped our judgment?

Sir Ernest proceeds to dwell in detail on the great benefits which have accrued from Christian missions. He alludes specially to the work of the medical missions, and also to the subject of education.

HOME NOTES

OUR JUBILEE.

OUR fiftieth birthday will be celebrated in November, 1910, and as a fitting expression of gratitude for the bountiful blessings with which our Heavenly Father has crowned our efforts, it is proposed to make a timely gift to our treasury. This will take the form of a fund to be known as "THE MISSIONARY SALARIES." Many of our representatives are specifically supported, but the majority are not. Their salary, passage and outfit form the greatest of our expenditures, and yet the one for which we exist, and on whose maintenance depends the growth of the Master's vineyard in heathen lands committed to our care.

We have survived the most persistent opposition from even Christians whose strong denominational prejudices saw no good in independent efforts. No similar organization of women existed when the courage of the initiative called us into being, and the fact that a new field of missionary effort opened before us, justified the superhuman faith and effort of our consecrated founders.

If it be true that the treasury is the pulse of any Society dependent on public support, our work may lay claim to its continuance in the confidence of our friends, who believe in our administration sufficiently to supply us with needful funds.

Our missionaries as a rule have been exceptional women, consecrated, gifted, and successful in their conduct of our varied mission stations, commanding the respect of the communities in which they labor and the admiration of world-visitors, who have carefully observed results.

When Mount Vernon, the historic home of Washington, was falling into decay, a patriotic woman of South Carolina conceived the noble idea that it was possible for American women to purchase this valuable property and save a great landmark to our nation. Only one dollar was asked from every woman in the United States, thus bringing a memorial contribution in the range of even limited incomes. The example was contagious until \$200,000 was paid for the home and 200 acres of land, which secured to our native country an historical abode standing for a great ideal.

We claim in the same spirit a place in the greatest missionary enterprise of the day, real-

izing that no movement has so rapidly and richly developed the women of our country. Denominational societies appeal strongly to all who feel committed to the more circumscribed conditions of different sects, and it is fully recognized by us that every great body of the Christian Church must provide for, and fully support the missions established as their exponents of belief.

But we repeat the words of one of our charter members, whose unexceptional gifts did much to shape the policy of our "Forming Days":

"If it be true that this *first* 'woman's mission to woman' owed its inspiration to the Voice of the Lord calling for a special service (and who can doubt it?), then to whom should its claims be dear and sacred? Certainly to every one who counts herself one of those whom the Lord has saved; to every woman who, above and beyond all dividing lines of faith and creed, loves best to write herself 'a follower of the Lord.'

"There is not to-day one Christian woman in our land, however ardently she may love and serve her own 'Board of Missions,' but is 'a debtor' to this Union Society in that it solved a difficult problem in foreign mission service, and opened a new and direct way from the Christian heart of womanhood in America to the dark and weary woman's heart of heathendom."

Thus we make bold to ask one dollar from every woman throughout our land who loves and serves this great mission cause, and pray to the Lord of glory. "Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea establish Thou it."

ANNUAL MEETING.

A MILD, glorious winter's day brought many friends to our forty-seventh Anniversary to congratulate us on our past and to extend their allegiance for the future. The morning session was glowing with many reports and addresses of deepest interest. Miss Catherine C. Crosby, who had recently visited our Yokohama school, gave vivid pictures of its busy, animated routine, and the far-reaching influence of its graduates throughout the Empire. Having gladly given valuable assistance in the school when occasion required, she was able to judge critically of the conscientious work accomplished, and of the rapid changes which were revolutionizing Japan.

Mrs. Bronson, more familiarly known to us as our former evangelist, Miss Hand, corroborated all these statements and recalled many thrilling experiences of individual pupils who had borne persecution for their fidelity to their Christian faith. She testified to the efficient labors of our native Bible-Women and their power in heathen communities.

Mrs. Abbott, of Bombay, who, as Miss Clark, filled a prominent position on our Board, spoke of the aspects of mission work on this side and then on the foreign field, as her present position as a missionary gave her a wider outlook and deeper insight into the problems confronting the great movement.

Miss Roderick, a native of India and for thirty years one of our assistant missionaries in Allahabad, spoke of the great change which had come over the position of women during this period. Her intimate relation with her zenana pupils of high caste, gave her exceptional opportunities of judging of the developments of work among women and their far-reaching results.

The afternoon session was opened by Miss Harriet Taylor, of the Y. W. C. A., whose attendance on the Students' Conference at Tokio, had given her an insight into the condition of Japan in its transitional state. Her visit to our Bible-School in Yokohama furnished her with a rich experience of the training of the students, by Miss Pratt. The memory of the Orientals was shown in the wonderful repetition of chapters in the Bible and their grasp of the subjects presented.

Dr. Justin Abbott, of Bombay, presented the marvelous changes which had passed over India in the last century, especially in regard to the burning questions of the day, pre-eminently defining the social position of women. Knowing Jhansi well and the poverty prevailing in that district, he made a touching plea for our medical missionaries, on whom the grave responsibility rests of ministering to suffering women and children.

Dr. Abbott E. Kittredge, who recently returned from a missionary tour, gave graphic pictures of the scenes he had passed through, and of the striking hopefulness of the great cause in every land. As he sailed from India for China the words of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" came with powerful emphasis to his memory: "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

MEMORIAL.

The opening days of the year began with sadness for us in the death, January 8th, of one of our prominent Managers, Miss M. Isabel Allen. Her mental gifts were of a high order, rendering her grasp of every subject brought before our Board, profound and conclusive, so that her opinions always carried weight. Not less was her deep consecration to the mission cause, and realizing that our prayer-meetings were a pivotal power, she was constant in attendance and by her discriminating petitions uttered in a voice of tender supplication, all who heard them realized she possessed "the power that prevails." Her liberality in our direction was constant, and many of our most efficient agencies are traced to her generous response to needs. Our beautiful Bible-School in Shanghai was a memorial erected by her and her two brothers to their mother, Mrs. Richard Allen. Our Sonapur school, in a suburb of Calcutta, owes its existence to another gift in memory of an aunt. Who can estimate the far-reaching results of these centres of light and the powerful influence in China and India which will swell the forces creating nations with new standards and aspirations?

A few days after her death, January 14th, her brother, Mr. Richard H. Allen, joined her amid the throng of the redeemed, and as an outside member of our Publication Committee, passing an experienced eye over proofs of our MISSIONARY LINK, we realize that a most valuable friend has been lost to us. To our "hidden helper" we owe a deep debt, but we rejoice that all service laid at our Master's feet is honored as only our Divine Exemplar can honor it when He calls us "workers together with Him."

These words of Bishop Phillips Brooks carry conviction: "I cannot tell you how to meet Death. But what beautiful sights have we not seen, of old men greeting him as their friend, and strong young men letting him take their burdens off their unbent backs, and little children laying their hands trustingly in his, to go down the dark way he knows, which leads into the Father's light."



VILLAGERS IN INDIA.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

A SCHOOLHOUSE IN INDIA.

By MARY D. FAIRBANK.

WHEN you go outside your home how do you get in again? Through the door, don't you? And the front door is usually the very biggest outside door in the whole house. How would you like to live in a place where you would have to bend 'way over to get into your own home? Or, perhaps in a house that is like a waiting-shed with no door at all, just open on one side?

That is the kind of home that our children in Hasaii, three miles from Jhansi, live in, and one part of the village is where the cow-herds live. Around each house is a large enclosure made of brambles from the jungle, high enough so that no animal can come in and get the cattle. Suppose one of these should be sick, then it would be taken into the house with the family.

My heart pities these poor little children for they have so little in their lives. They have so little to wear in the cold weather, just a little cotton skirt and a piece of cloth about a yard and a half long by three-quarters wide. Many times they have only a little

cotton jacket half way down to their knees from the waist, which is very little for cold weather.

Nowadays they have so little to eat. You should see the fields where not a single kernel of grain is formed. All the grain was sown but it did not come up, or it only grew a foot high, and then turned yellow and brown.

I want to ask you all to pray for the schoolhouse we want to build out there in that village, for which we have the money and where we can put some one to teach the children not only once a week on Sundays, but every day. Only think of one hundred and fifty-five pupils in Sunday-School just gathered out under the trees, for there is no place elsewhere.

Would you like to make a visit with me out there? The children would be so glad to see you, and would gather around you and sing for you some of their own native music with words about Christ and His love, their sin and His death so as to bring salvation to sinners. And now listen! What is that? "Jesus loves me, this I know," only the words are in their language. You could sing with them and then pray that the love of Jesus would make their hearts glad, too.

TREE DAY IN YOKOHAMA.

By FLORENCE A. WELLS.

THAT our girls at 212 Bluff may develop into well-rounded women we must teach them not only the knowledge of books but the wisdom which applies to their daily lives; to learn about loyalty, and then to have it; to understand generosity, and then to show it toward a victorious rival.

Monday, November fourth, was set aside by the Kyoritsu Jo Gakko as "Tree Day." For weeks we were looking forward to the day; the three younger classes were preparing a drill; the seniors and juniors were getting ready for the planting of the tree; and the whole school was practising the school-hymn and the school-song. Everything was in readiness. The day came, and with it came a steady downpour of rain and disappointment in every heart. As outdoor exercises were impossible, school went on as usual, until the last divisions of the morning, when a short rally was held in Doremus Hall, followed by a half-hour of games. Then the customary "gochiso" was served, each person receiving four or five cakes made of rice flour and filled with bean paste.

The rain continued so far into the week that the exercises were postponed to Monday, November 11th. Surely never a day dawned more beautifully than this. Just enough crispness was in the air to make us all enjoy coming out into the sunshine.

During the devotional part of our programme, the photographer came, and when we finally came out on the lawn we were arranged in tiers like the plants in a greenhouse, and so the school-picture was taken.

Then came the school-song, followed by a few words from Makoto San (a senior) who put a shovelful of earth upon the tree and then with appropriate words, presented the spade decked with school colors to the Junior Class, one of whose members responded briefly. Next the little girls marched and drilled and looked very pretty as their bright colors flashed in the sunlight with the changing figures; and not one mistake was made.

Now the time had arrived for the match game between our basket-ball team and the team of the Bible-School. They were a pretty sight as they lined up on opposite sides of the field, ours with green and theirs with purple *tasuki* to tie back their flowing sleeves. Our girls had had more practice and so played a much better team game, making several more baskets than the other side; but their enthusi-

asm led them into many more errors than their cautious rivals made. So at the end of the game we stood defeated by one point. Ah! but it was hard for our team to take their defeat gracefully; but by dint of persuasion they finally went forward in a body, bowed, and congratulated their victors.

Thus the day drew to a happy close and I doubt not that every girl and teacher felt as I did, that there is not another school in all Japan where I would rather be, than here in our own *Kyoritsu Jo Gakko*.

A BRAVE LITTLE PATIENT.

By CLARA D. LOOMIS.

A LITTLE Japanese boy, three or four years old, was brought into St. Luke's Hospital, in Tokio. His father was an officer in the Salvation Army.

The little boy had black hair, big eyes and rosy cheeks, and tried to be brave, but once in a while he would start up, clasp his little hands together and give a cry of pain. His father soothed and would sometimes hold him in his arms. When supper time came the father asked the nurse to bring him just a cup of hot milk. When the father said, "Your supper is ready now," the little boy sat on his heels, as little Japanese boys do, and folded his hands while the father laid his hand on the bowed head, and asked God to bless his little son, and make him strong and good.

For a week the father watched beside the bed, the nurse and the grave-faced doctor came and went, but the little boy grew worse instead of better. One night when the patients were quietly sleeping, an angel came and called the little one to his home in Heaven.

Miss Clara Alward writes: "I went to the garden-party of the Emperor of Japan and had no difficulty in going about. You can imagine something of the beauty and grandeur of the occasion, but what impressed me most was the genuine earnest democratic manner of the Crown Prince and Princess, as the Emperor and Empress could not attend. Our own President could not have been more cordial in manner under the same conditions. The Crown Prince is very much respected and admired because of his sincere, earnest, practical life. I feel sure that he will some day accept not only the customs of the Christians, but the truth of the Gospel, and honor the "King of Kings."

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from January 1 to January 31, 1908.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Mass.—Boston, Eman. Ch. Soc., per Mrs. S. Hammond, for Zenana work,	\$6 00
Conn.—Greenwich, Mrs. A. C. Hencken, for High Caste School,	120 00
N. J.—Oak Ridge, Miss Hamilton, per Miss Roderick, for Paul Prashad,	12 50
Pa.—Johnstown, Dr. B. T. Caldwell, for Chamele, 5.00; Wells Tannery, Mrs. S. E. Wishart, for teacher, 5.00,	10 00
Mich.—Detroit S. S. C. E. Miss. Com., Miss H. Wunderlich, 12.50; Miss M. Kiefer, 10.00; Miss M. Gutekunst, 10.00, all for salary of Miss Bertsch,	32 50
Calif.—Pasadena, Miss M. C. Lathrop, for Zenana work,	25 00
Total,	\$206 00

CALCUTTA.

Mass.—Boston Br., Miss Cora Tuxbury, Treas. Miss May's School, for scholarship, 50.00; Northampton, Mrs. L. C. Seelye, for orphanage, 25.00,	\$75 00
Conn.—New Haven, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, for Theodosia D. Wheeler, scholarship,	40 00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Mrs. Calvin Patterson, for Basanta, 25.00; N. Y. City Y. W. League, Mrs. C. de P. Field, salary of Miss Mudge, 150.00; A Friend, for Zenana work, 200.00,	375 00
N. J.—Morristown, Invalids' Aux., Miss E. W. Buxton, Pres., for their orphan, 24.10; Summit, Mrs. F. S. Phraner, Zenana work, 100.00; Westfield, W. For. M. Soc. R. E. Ch., Miss M. V. Hammer, Treas. Mrs. A. L. Lowry, three scholarships, 150.00,	274 10
Mo.—St. Louis, Mrs. S. W. Barber's collection for B. Reader, 10.00,	10 00
Total,	\$774 10

CAWNPORE.

Mary Avery Merriman Memorial School.

N. H.—Concord, Mrs. H. K. Morrison, for Sundari,	\$20 00
Conn.—West Cheshire, Mrs. M. M. Dodge, for Jane—teacher,	10 00
N. Y.—New Dorp, S. I., Miss E. Osborn, for orphan,	20 00
N. J.—E. Orange, Mrs. Wilson Phraner, for orphan,	20 00
Calif.—Pasadena, per Miss G. R. Ward, "Kings Daughters," for Nora, 20.00; "Non Nobis Solum Soc.," for their child, 10.00,	30 00
Total,	\$100 00

FATEHPUR.

N. Y.—Albany Br., Miss D. M. Douw,	\$200 00
Ill.—Chicago, Mrs. J. R. Leonard, salary of Miss May,	300 00
Mo.—St. Louis, Miss S. L. Boyle, per Mrs. S. W. Barber, for Gulchamen,	30 00
Total,	\$530 00

JHANSI.

Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Hospital.

Mass.—Hatfield, Real Folks Band, Mrs. David Billings,	\$50 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Mrs. Frank Dodd, support of nurse,	50 00
Pa.—Shippensburg, Normal S. S. collection per Miss A. V. Horton,	6 32
Total,	\$108 32

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Conn.—Noroton, Miss E. C. Andrews,	\$5 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Miss J. Driggs, for M. W. Hospital, 10.00; Syracuse, Mrs. J. B. Burnet, 5.00; Mrs. R. Townsend, 22.00; Mrs. F. Townsend (Albany), 5.00, "In Memoriam" in the Bridgman School,	45 00
Pa.—Robesonia, C. E. Soc., Miss S. E. Keiser, for Bridgman School,	5 00
Total,	\$55 00

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Conn.—Guilford, Friends of Lily Band, per Mrs. S. B. Fowler, for Etzu Hayashi's support,	\$10 00
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N. J.—W. For. M. Soc., R. E. Ch., Mrs. Jos. Barton's quarterly for B. Reader,	15 00
Pa.—W. & O. Band, Rev. D. M. Stearns, Mr. G. F. Joly, for Mutsu Ucheda,	20 00
Ky.—Owingsville, Mrs. R. A. Walton, for Elizabeth Barnes Walton Memorial,	50 00
Total,	\$185 00

GENERAL FUND.

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Mass.—Boston Br., Mrs. S. E. Norton, 1.00; Mrs. Walter Baker, Mem'l Band, 15.00; Miss J. N. Gould, per Mrs. E. Crosby, 1.00; Cambridge, Mrs. H. S. Smith, 4.00; North Billerica, Mrs. E. R. Gould, 1.00; Mrs. H. B. Rogers, 1.00,	23 00
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N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. R. R. Proudfit, 25.00; Lakewood, Rev. A. H. Allen, 25.00,	50 00
Pa.—Dr. B. T. Caldwell,	4 40
Md.—Baltimore Br., Mrs. A. N. Bastable, secretary, Mrs. H. Stockbridge, fees,	3 00
D. C.—Washington, Miss Jane Read,	10 00
Total,	\$385 48

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Mass.—Boston, Mrs. S. N. Brown, 5.00; Dorchester, Mrs. G. L. Paine, per Miss Roderick, 5.00,	\$10 00
N. Y.—N. Y. City, Memorial Gift, 300.00; Friends, 3.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hall, 4.00; Miss F. A. Gillies, 25.00,	332 00
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Total,	\$343 00

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Fatehpur,	530 00
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